



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Memphis District

Public Notice

FILE NUMBER: MVM 2006-356 (JB)

NOTICE DATE:
August 31, 2006

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EXPIRATION DATE:
➡ **October 2, 2006**

Joint Public Notice
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
and
State of Arkansas

AUTHORITY: Pursuant to 33 CFR 325, as published in the Federal Register dated November 13, 1986, this notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

APPLICANT: Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
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DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to extend the existing public boat ramp that provides access to the White River in St. Charles, Arkansas. The extension would be 50' in length. Plans include the excavation of approximately 300 cubic yards of dirt, which will be deposited around the existing parking area, then backfilling a portion of the area with 80 cubic yards of rip rap and Class 7 crushed limestone as a base for the extension foundation. On top of this backfill material, concrete will be poured for the extension, which will measure 50' x 20' as shown on the attached diagram. The activity is subject to jurisdiction under Section 10 of the Rivers & Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

PURPOSE: The applicant's purpose is to provide access to the White River when the river stage falls below 8' on the Clarendon gage.

LOCATION: A vicinity map, site map and site aerial are attached, which depict the location of the proposed work. The project is located in St. Charles, which is in Arkansas County, Arkansas. The site is located at approximate latitude 34.3772494534 and longitude -91.1256723536 on the Crockett Bluff 7.5-minute quadrangle map.

COMMENTS: To request additional information; contact Joe Brougher at (901) 544-3472. The Corps may provide copies of all comments, (including name & address of those providing comments) to the applicant for consideration and response prior to a decision. Please send comments to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. Comments should be received by the expiration date listed above. Comments may be sent via mail or e-mail to the following:

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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: By copy of this public notice, the applicant is requesting water quality certification from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality that the activity will comply with applicable requirements set forth in 33 U.S.C. and 1341(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and all State laws and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. This certification or evidence of this water quality certification or waiver of the right to certify must be submitted prior to the issuance of a Corps of Engineers permit. The Corps of Engineers' evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat, are known to exist in the project area. This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments they may have regarding endangered or threatened wildlife or plants, or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

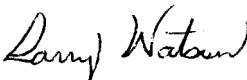
CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Memphis District will evaluate information provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the public in response to this public notice and we may conduct, or require a reconnaissance survey of the project area. A preliminary records search of the Arkansas Archeological Survey site files has found one archeological site (3MO83) in close proximity to the project site. While this historic site may be potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, the Memphis District believes that the proposed project will cause no direct impacts to this historic site.

FLOOD PLAIN: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed public notice and notify this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW: The purpose of this public notice is to advise all interested parties of the activities for which a permit is sought and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact on the public interest. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Federally-recognized Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

Comments should be received by October 2, 2006, and refer to File number MVM-2006-356 (JB).


Larry D. Watson
Chief
Regulatory Branch

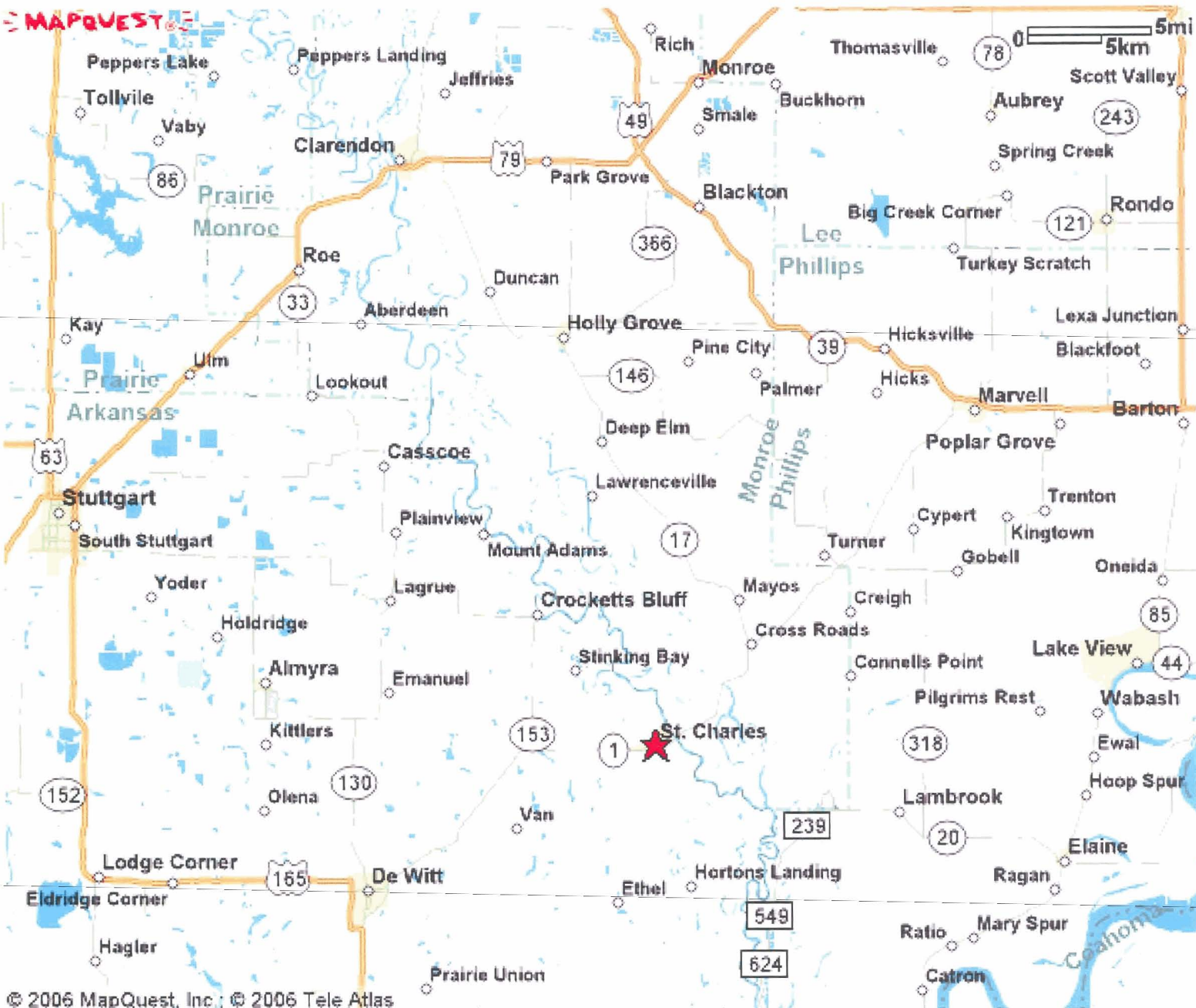
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Project Vicinity
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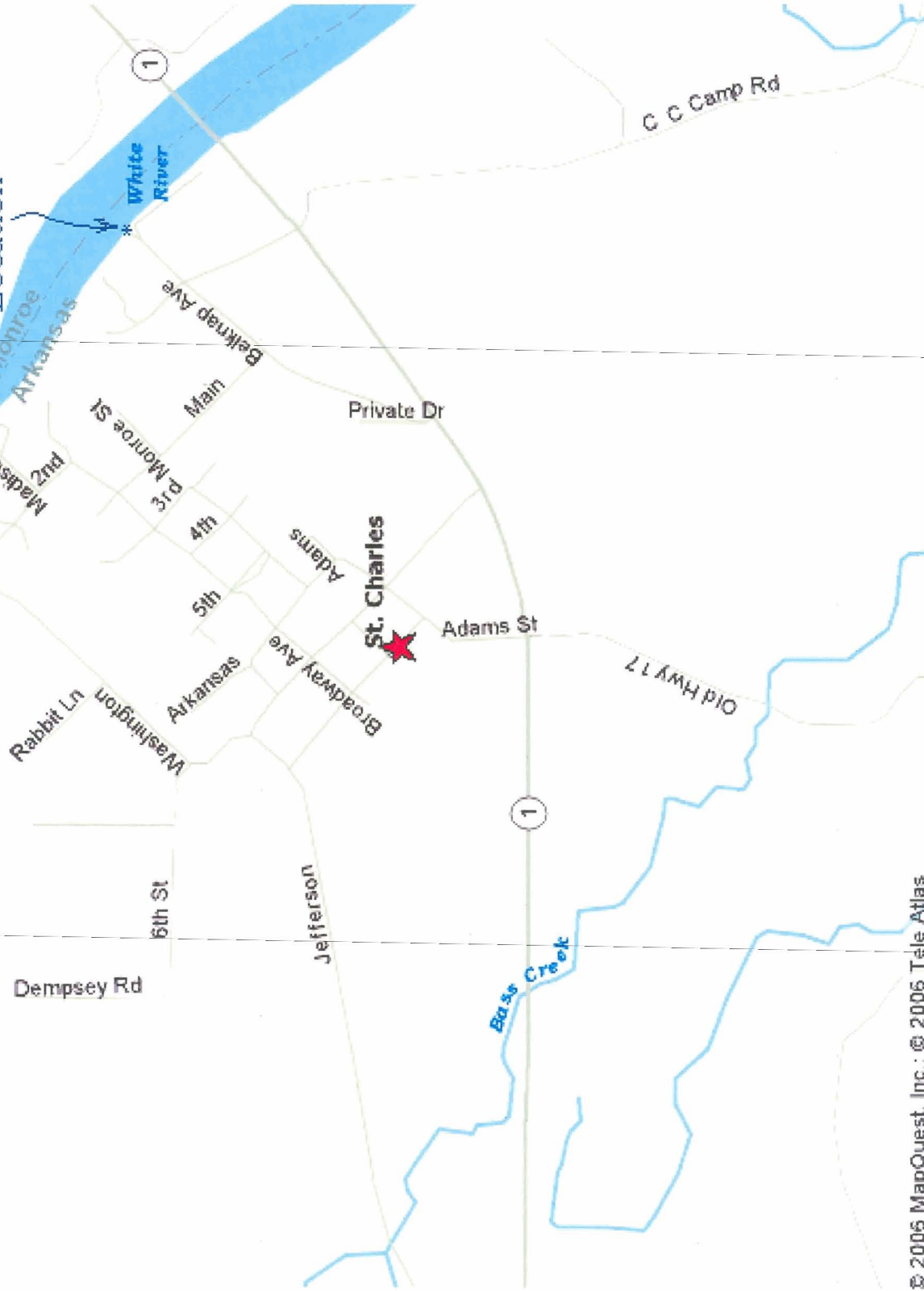
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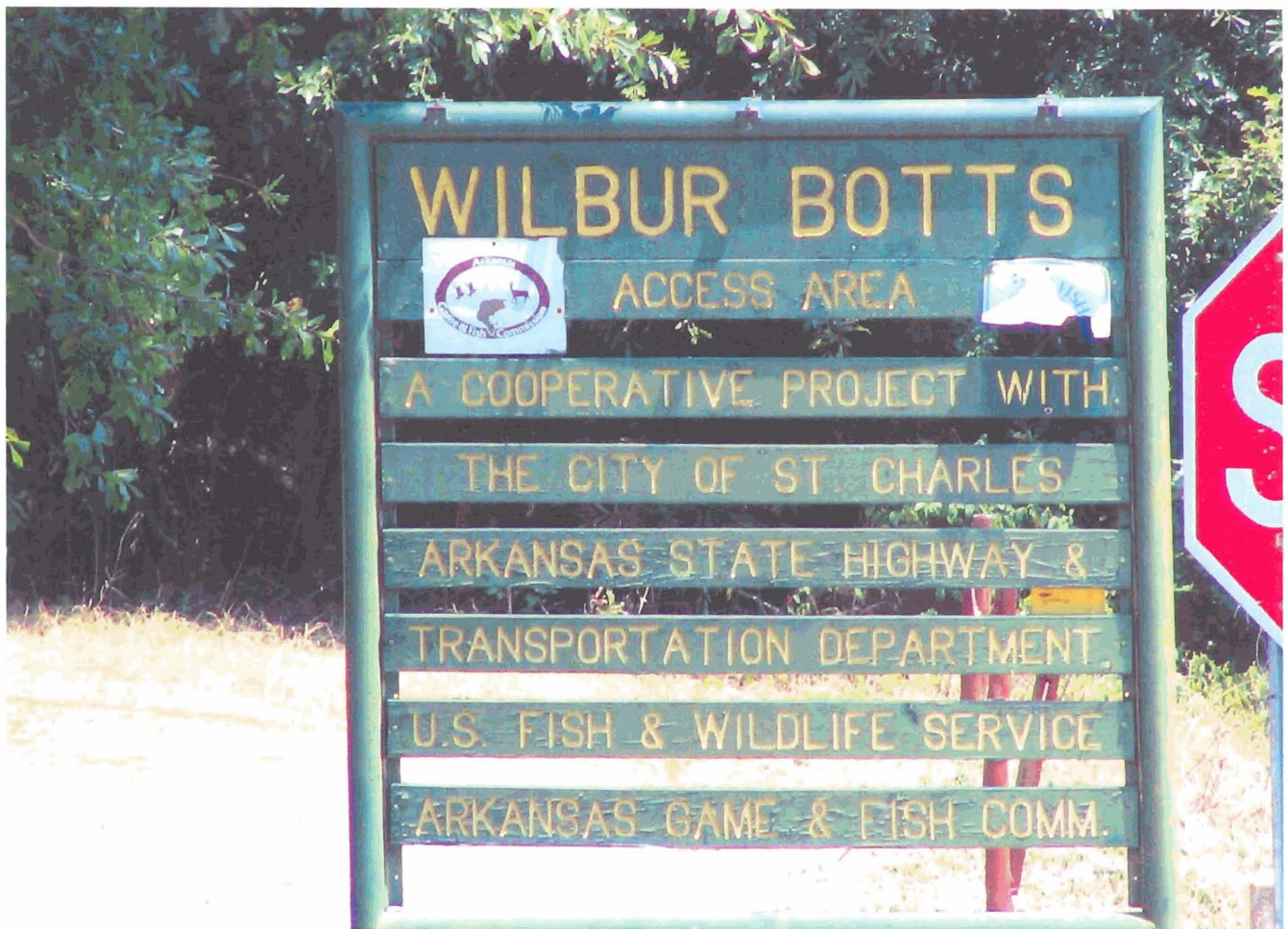
vicinity map
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Boat Ramp
Location

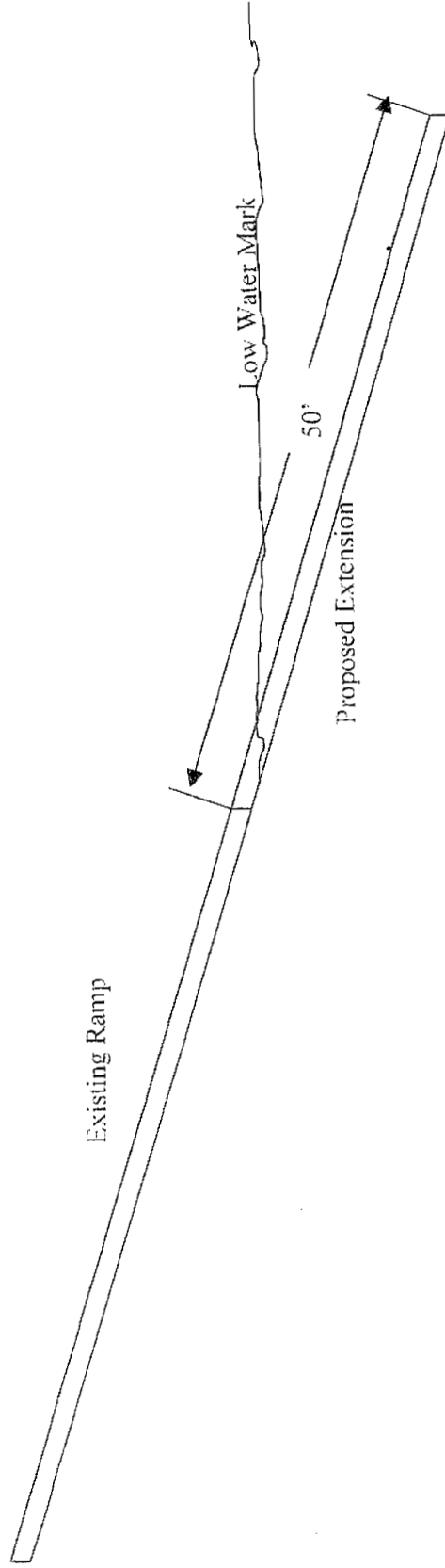




Site Aerial
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St. Charles (Botts) Access Extension



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